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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Support Directorate Seminar
(Problem Solving)REFERENCES : Memoranda dated 16 May 1969
and 11 June 1969 to all Office
Heads, same subject

1. This memorandum is for your information.
2. In response to your request for a submission in outline form of significant problems to be considered by the Support Directorate Seminar, this Office has two current and important problems to be considered initially. These are:

- a. What position should the Office of Security take relative to the activities of applicants and staff employees in organizations associated with the "New Left"? As you are aware, there are existent in the United States today many organizations which, for want of a better term, may be called controversial. Formally organized groups such as the Students for a Democratic Society; The Women's March for Peace; the Black Panthers and the like, as well as informal groups which are anti-establishment and anti-Vietnam have not been deemed as subversive by the Attorney General, but are of extreme concern to all Security Officers. A problem faced every day by the Office of Security arises as to when is participation in a student demonstration or in these groups disqualifying and represents a threat to

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Agency security as opposed to when is it only a manifestation of youthful curiosity or possibly misguided idealism. It is considered that this topic is of extensive interest to this Office and would represent one which lends itself readily to a seminar type of discussion.

3. Another current problem which is, in some ways, allied to that set forth in "a." is the following:

b. Drug Usage - Experimentation vs Escapism.

Again, another current and vexing problem concerns the use of drugs by applicants and, to a greatly lesser degree, staff employees of this Agency. We find that a high percentage of interviewing in applicant processing now reflects at least experimentation with marijuana by the applicant. Given the extremely conflicting views prevalent in the country regarding the danger or non-danger in using marijuana, it becomes important that the Office of Security have some idea of when the use of marijuana or stronger drugs represents mere experimentation and when it represents psychological or physical dependence. This is another subject which lends itself readily to seminar discussion.

4. Office of Security files contain extensive information regarding Subject A which can be easily made available to the Seminar group. With respect to Subject B, much information is available in our Office or can be obtained from governmental and police contacts, if this is selected as a topic for discussion.


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